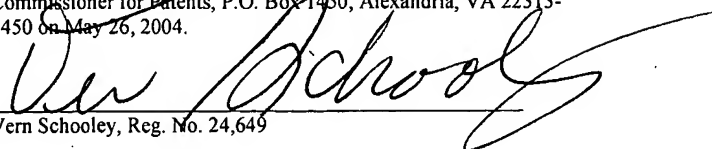


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. §121

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office action of May 19, 2004, Applicant elects without prejudice, claims 15-19, 41 and 42.

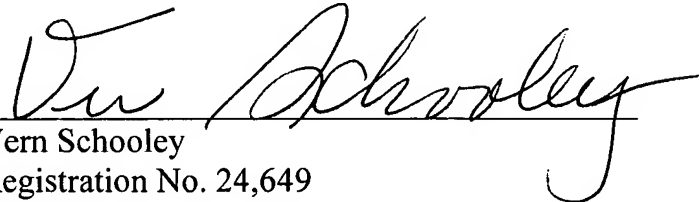
Please note claim 42 should depend on claim 15 instead of claim 1. Applicant will correct this dependency in a subsequent amendment. For the purposes of this restriction requirement claim 42 should be considered as an elected claim as well.

If the Examiner should have any questions concerning this election, he is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned attorney to further discuss the case.

If any additional fee is required, Account No. 21-0800; likewise if any overpayment has been made, credit Account No. 21-0800.

Respectfully submitted,

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